



Georgia HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday
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2022

DAILY REPORT

6th
Legislative
Day

House Budget & Research Office
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- The House will reconvene for its 7th Legislative Day on Wednesday, January 26 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- No bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

The House of Representative convened today for the 6th Legislative Day of the 2022 Session. Senate Resolution 382 was adopted to set the legislative calendar for the remainder of the session. The adjournment resolution can be viewed [here](#).

Committee Actions

Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.

Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Committee

HB 159 State Cybersecurity Review Board; establish

Bill Summary: HB 159 establishes the State Cybersecurity Review Board, which consists of six members: the adjutant general of the Georgia Department of Defense or his/her designee; an individual who works for the state in the area of information security or his/her designee to be appointed by the governor; the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation or his/her designee; the director of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency or his/her designee; a leader in cyber innovation and coordination between public and private sectors or his/her designee to be appointed by the governor; and the governor or his/her designee.

The board will meet at least once a quarter and review the cybersecurity of all agencies, establish and oversee cybersecurity training for all agencies, and provide an annual report of the state of cybersecurity in Georgia to the governor, lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House, and the chairpersons of the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee; the House Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications; the Senate Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Committee; and the House Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. The report shall not be subject to public inspection or disclosure.

The board, in conjunction with the Georgia Technology Authority, will establish cybersecurity training for all agencies, which shall be required on at least a semiannual basis. Any employee who fails to complete the training per the board's schedule may be subject to formal disciplinary action, up to and including termination. An employee or his/her supervisor may submit to the board for approval a written request for an extension not to exceed 60 days.

Authored By: Rep. Don Parsons (44th)
House Committee: Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications

Committee Action: 01-25-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Health & Human Services Committee

HB 752 Psychiatric Advance Directive Act; enact

Bill Summary: House Bill 752 provides for a psychiatric advance directive for competent adults to set their mental health preferences. The bill allows patients to establish their wishes related to treatment, medications, and establish an agent to make decisions on their behalf if they are unable to do so. The directive is effective upon signature of the patient as witnessed by two competent adults. The provider or facility shall comply with the directive to the fullest extent possible, and providers acting in line with the directive are protected from certain liabilities. The bill contains the Georgia Psychiatric Advance Directive form that is to be completed by patients in accordance with the law.

Authored By: Rep. Sharon Cooper (43rd)
House Committee: Health & Human Services

Committee Action: 01-25-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee**HB 889 Hall County; Board of Education; change description of districts**

Bill Summary: House Bill 889 changes the description of the Hall County Board of Education's districts.

Authorized By: Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th)

House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Committee Action:

01-25-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 909 Troup County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 909 changes the description of the Troup County Board of Commissioners' districts.

Authorized By: Rep. Randy Nix (69th)

House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Committee Action:

01-25-2022 Do Pass

HB 921 Douglas County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 921 changes the description of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners' districts.

Authorized By: Rep. Kimberly Alexander (66th)

House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Committee Action:

01-25-2022 Do Pass

HB 922 Douglas County; Board of Education; provide new district boundaries

Bill Summary: House Bill 922 provides for new district boundaries for the Douglas County Board of Education.

Authorized By: Rep. Kimberly Alexander (66th)

House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Committee Action:

01-25-2022 Do Pass

HB 935 Catoosa County; office of commissioner; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 935 changes the description of the Catoosa County Commission's districts.

Authorized By: Rep. Dewayne Hill (3rd)

House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Committee Action:

01-25-2022 Do Pass

HB 936 Catoosa County; Board of Education; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 936 changes the description of the Catoosa County Board of Education's districts.

Authorized By: Rep. Dewayne Hill (3rd)

House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Committee Action:

01-25-2022 Do Pass

Judiciary Committee

HB 56 Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit; superior court; provide additional judge

Bill Summary: House Bill 56 increases the number of judges for superior courts in the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit from three to four. The additional judge shall be appointed by the governor for a term beginning July 1, 2022, until December 31, 2024. A successor shall be elected at the non-partisan judicial election held in 2024, and the elected successor shall take office January 1, 2025.

Authorized By: Rep. Wesley Cantrell (22nd)
House Judiciary
Committee:

Committee 01-25-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HB 624 South Georgia Judicial Circuit; additional judge of the superior court; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 624 increases the number of judges for superior courts in the South Georgia Judicial Circuit from two to three. The additional judge shall be appointed by the governor for a term beginning July 1, 2022, until December 31, 2024. A successor shall be elected at the non-partisan judicial election held in 2024, and the elected successor will take office January 1, 2025.

Authorized By: Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd)
House Judiciary
Committee:

Committee 01-25-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HB 961 Torts; authorize apportionment of damages in single-defendant lawsuits; provide for evidence of fault of nonparties

Bill Summary: House Bill 961 amends Code Section 51-12-33 to authorize apportionment of damages in single-defendant lawsuits rather than solely in multi-defendant lawsuits. In lawsuits against one or more defendants, following a reduction of damages attributed to any non-party, the damages shall be apportioned to the liable person or persons according to each person's percentage of fault.

Authorized By: Rep. Chuck Efstrotation (104th)
House Judiciary
Committee:

Committee 01-25-2022 Do Pass
Action:

Retirement Committee

HB 385 Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; employ beneficiaries; permit public school systems

Bill Summary: House Bill 385 allows retired members of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, who have obtained 30 years of creditable service, to return to work full-time, providing instruction as a certified teacher of pre-kindergarten through grade 12, while receiving their full post-retirement benefit. Retired members can return to work in an "area of highest need," as designated by the Department of Education in consultation with the Professional Standards Commission. The "areas of highest need" will vary across Georgia based on the Regional Education Service Agency in which the school system resides. The school system must pay the employer and employee contribution rate, and the member cannot accrue additional creditable service. The member must wait one year from the date of retirement for their return to work. The state auditor is required to provide a performance audit on the value and necessity of full-time employment of retired members and the impact on school systems. The return to work provision is valid from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2026.

Authorized By: Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th)
House Retirement
Committee:

Committee 01-25-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Small Business Development Committee

HR 579 Georgia Commission on Sustainability and Economic Opportunity; create

Bill Summary: House Resolution 579 creates the Georgia Commission on Sustainability and Economic Opportunity.

The commission shall consist of one member of the Georgia House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House; one member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate; and five discretionary members who represent entities that provide sustainability and employee wellness certifications of which two are appointed by the president of the Senate, two are appointed by the speaker of the House, and one appointed by the governor. The bill also appoints the following, who may name a designee: the executive director of the Georgia Municipal Association; the executive director of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia; the executive director or chairperson of the Georgia Economic Developers Association; the president or chairperson of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce; the president or chairperson of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; and the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development. The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House shall each select a member to serve as a co-chair.

The commission is abolished on December 31, 2026.

Authored By: Rep. Don Parsons (44th)
House Committee: Small Business Development

Committee Action: 01-25-2022 Do Pass

Committee Meeting Schedule

This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change. To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit www.house.ga.gov and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).

Wednesday - January 26, 2022

8:00 AM	Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee	132 CAP HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
8:00 AM	Education Appropriations Subcommittee	506 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
8:00 AM	Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee	341 CAP HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
9:00 AM	RULES COMMITTEE	341 CAP	VIDEO	Agenda
10:00 AM	FLOOR SESSION (LD 7)	House Chamber	VIDEO	
1:00 PM	Health Appropriations Subcommittee	506 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
1:00 PM	HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE	VIRTUAL 1	VIDEO	Agenda
1:00 PM	General Government Appropriations Subcommittee	415 CLOB	VIDEO	Agenda
2:00 PM	GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE	406 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
3:00 PM	JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL COMMITTEE	132 CAP HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
3:00 PM	INDUSTRY AND LABOR COMMITTEE	506 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
3:30 PM	Special Committee on Access to Quality Health Care	406 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
3:30 PM	STATE PROPERTIES	403 CAP	VIDEO	Agenda